

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TRADE ASSURANCE SCHEME FOR COMBINABLE CROPS

### Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of **TASCCforce**. By the time you read this, you should have received the latest **TASCC codes of practice**.

In this edition, we shall be looking at the major changes which are in the TASCC code and, in particular, focussing on HACCP which is a new requirement in the haulage standard.

To help with the new codes, AIC will be

hosting seminars, providing information relating to HACCP and launching a new interactive learning module. Further information can be found in this edition.

I do hope you find TASCCforce informative and if you have any questions about the items included or potential articles for future editions, then please contact Garry Rudd via the details on the back page.

### AIC Trade Assurance seminars—date in your diary

AIC will be holding seminars this year at the following venues and dates. In a change, the seminar will cover TASCC, UFAS and FEMAS. This is in response to participants suggesting that there is sufficient crossover within these schemes such as HACCP. To that end, the seminars will include a section on HACCP along with individual scheme reviews.

#### The dates are:

Bristol – Wednesday 21st May  
Peterborough – Wednesday 28th May  
Perth – Thursday 29th May  
Wetherby – Wednesday 4th June

Chester – Thursday 5th June  
Belfast - Tuesday 10th June  
Dublin – Wednesday 11th June

Further information including agendas, costs and venues will be sent shortly.



### Safe delivery guidance

Health and safety is a huge concern for agriculture and the agri-supply industry and the AIC, in conjunction with the HSE and Farm safety Partnership, have produced the 'Safe deliveries on Farm' guidance.

This is now available in two formats:-

- a 12 page guidance booklet is for suppliers of animal feed to give to their sales team and drivers
- a four page leaflet (included with TASCCforce) designed to be issued to all farm customers.

If you would like copies of these documents, then please contact Garry Rudd providing numbers of copies and delivery address.



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### AIC responds to the consultation on Red Tractor farm standards

AIC have responded to the Red Tractor consultation on their revised farm standards which are to be implemented from October 2014.

Red Tractor review their farm standards every three years to ensure that they are current and up to date in terms of legislation and reputational risk. For the current review they have also taken the opportunity to completely refresh the look, style and language of the documents.

The refreshed standards are designed to be simpler for farmers - they tell the farmer exactly what they need to do and why and also what assessors are going to be looking for.

AIC will keep TASCC participants informed of any potential changes which may affect them.



## New TASCC codes - meeting your requirements

The new TASCC codes have now been updated to ensure they continue to meet the needs of TASCC participants. As you will see from the codes, there has been an effort from the TASCC working groups to ensure that the changes are kept to a minimum yet still ensure full compliance with legislation. The overall look of the codes has been changed to improve the readability.

Many of the changes have been to enhance the requirements by enforcing some guidance. This means that, quite often, there will be no extra work required to fulfil the requirements.

TASCC participants are strongly

advised to read the new TASCC codes in full to ensure compliance prior to their next audit.

NB—The Renewable Energy Directive (RED) - Eagle eyed readers of the codes would have noticed that there are now requirements in the Merchants and Storage code regarding RED. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for acceptance from the EU commission of the AIC appendix but when we receive this, we shall let TASCC participants know immediately so that they can be audited to RED. Therefore, for the time being, please ignore these requirements (A7—Merchants and A5—Storage).



## Trailer ID

There is a new requirement in the February 2014 TASCC Haulage code (requirement D2) which says that all bulk/ tank-trailer/rigid vehicles must be uniquely numbered or lettered and must include the participants TASCC number (e.g. this is the XX, XY or YY number). This is for identification purposes and linked to chassis number.

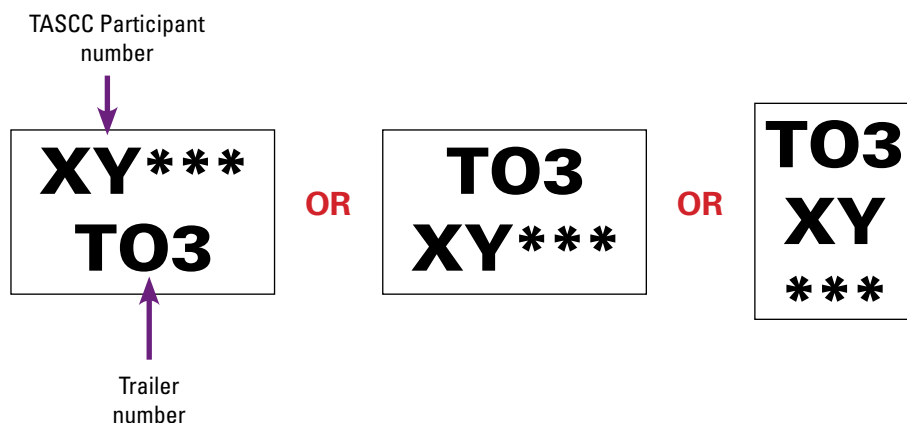
The identification mark has to be capable of being seen by the

weighbridge operator for the purposes of traceability.

Recommended size is no smaller than number-plate lettering (80mm) and in a durable form that will not be damaged or erased by normal operations or cleaning.

Examples of how the numbers can look are shown below.

Further information can be found in the Haulage template section of the TASCC website.



## ICRT (International Committee for Road Transport)

AIC have joined the European committee, ICRT, which is designed to discuss exclusion/sensitive list materials and will, in time, provide an EU wide standard. The IDTF (International Database Transport (for) Feed), is a database created by the ICRT, grouping together the following organisations: Qualimat, Ovocom, GMP+ International, QS and COCERAL.

The ICRT is more detailed than the TASCC list but is generally similar in format with a couple of exceptions, in particular, glass. This is banned in the UK but is a permitted substance to carry in the ICRT with a washout. However, there are mutual recognition clauses in place between schemes which ensure that the rules stipulated in the various national codes are not breached.

AIC will now be able to input into this database to ensure that the EU has a level playing field with regard to specific code of practice compliance.

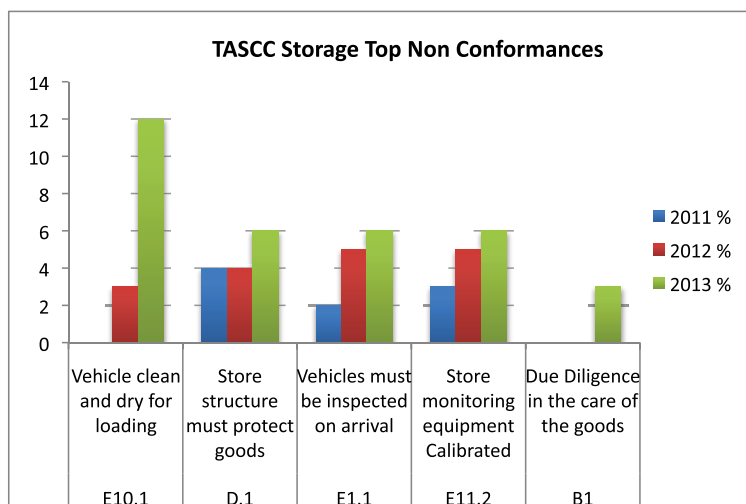
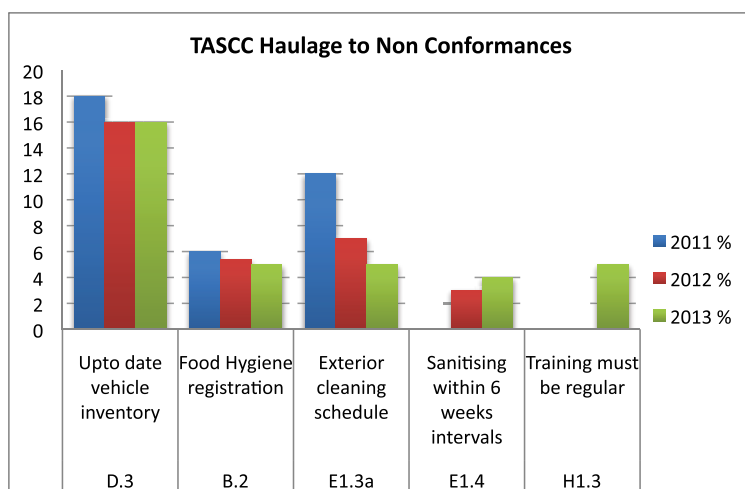
# Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) for TASC hauliers

Under current food and feed legislation it is a requirement that food and feed businesses have a HACCP system. This has been added to the TASC code as a new requirement (section C). To aid hauliers in complying with this requirement, AIC have produced a set of

template documents which can be found on the TASC pages of the AIC website. AIC will also be providing training sessions as well as covering this at the seminars mentioned on the front page. Please contact Garry Rudd if you have any further questions.

## TASC Haulage and Storage Top Non Conformances

The non conformances below are taken from 1st September to 31st December 2013. Where there has been an increase in 2013, auditors will be focusing on these areas in 2014. These include training and six weekly sanitising for hauliers and checking of vehicles and calibration for storekeepers.



## Aflatoxins

There have been significant problems in the past year due to aflatoxin in maize from south eastern Europe.

To that end, AIC are in the process of writing a protocol which will help participants assess the issue. The protocol will be used across the FEMAS, UFAS and TASC schemes.

Further information will be issued shortly.



## AIC i Learning

AIC will be launching online interactive learning modules this year starting with TASC haulage.

The modules will be split between transport manager and drivers and a certificate will be issued after the completion of the course. Progress of the drivers will also be monitored by the Transport manager and the courses will form part of the TASC audit.

Further information will be issued shortly.

## 3 Previous loads

TASC participants are reminded that it is important to ensure that the 3 previous loads, as indicated on the Combinable crops passport and/or delivery ticket, are as accurate as possible. Generic terms such as stone or aggregate are not acceptable and WILL lead to long waits at intake while the customer establishes what was previously carried.



## Get the right insurance protection from TASCCsure

TASCCsure is a specialist insurance scheme created by agricultural insurance experts, Bluefin (formally Hammon Osborne).

Designed specifically for businesses involved in the tightly controlled Agri-business sector TASCC participants benefit from competitive premiums, high levels of cover and service.

Whether you are a one man band or have

a fleet of vehicles TASCCsure is designed to keep you on the road and in business. TASCCsure can protect your vehicles, your people and the combinable crops you are transporting.

Bluefin is one of the UK's leading insurance brokers with 1400 staff in over 40 offices across the UK. They are experts in agriculture and farming and have over 50

years' experience in this sector.

With offices across the breadth of the UK and across the heartland of British farming, their expertise spans the entire range of this industry including the day to day risks associated with agricultural hauliers

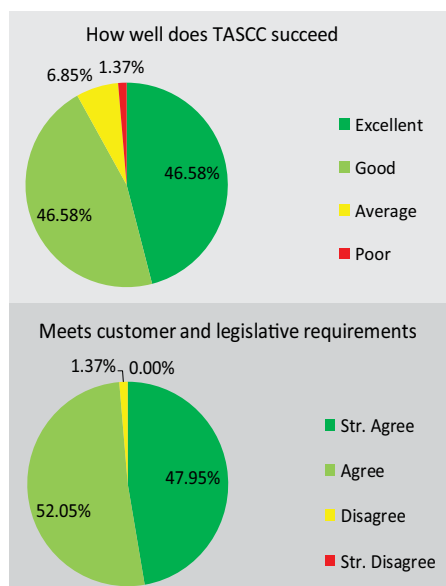
To find out more about TASCCsure contact Bluefin on 01604 251820 or visit the TASCC pages of the AIC website.

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## TASCC audit questionnaire feedback

The feedback form is presented to the TASCC participant at the end of the audit and is found to be a much better method of obtaining participant's views than postal surveys.

Some results are shown below. Every six months, there is a prize draw where the winner can win a bottle of Champagne. Another draw will be held later in 2014 and you need to send in a TASCC feedback form to qualify.



## eGrain passport pilot participants announced



Five companies have now agreed to take part in the HGCA-funded eGrain passport pilot project which will begin live trials pre-harvest.

The £250,000 eGrain passport pilot, which followed widespread industry consultation, is looking at the feasibility of moving the current paper grain passport system online.

Muntons, Gleadell and Openfield have agreed to become pilot participants for the malting barley supply chain, while Heygates and Glencore will be the pilot participants for the milling wheat supply chain.

They will be working with IT supplier F4F which has been contracted to build the online platform.

The pilot will run for 12 months from April 2014, and will produce recommendations on whether the electronic passport should be rolled out nationally, and what modifications or enhancements might be needed to do so.

Jonathan Tipples, Chair of the eGrain passport Steering Group said: "Since last April, a great deal of work has

been done with the industry to get the project to this stage. We are now in a good position to start to build the necessary IT structure and work with the existing IT capability of the participants to test the concept of an electronic passport in fast-moving and complex commercial situations.

"The pilot will help the industry establish the real costs and benefits to all grain businesses – large and small – in adopting an electronic passport. It will also investigate if it will result in a better environment for the smoother flow of two way information between farmers, merchants and processors."

The project will be overseen by a steering group comprising representatives from the Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC), The Maltsters Association of Great Britain (MAGB), the National Association of British and Irish Millers (nabim), the National Farmers Union (NFU) and the National Farmers Union of Scotland (NFUS) and the Road Haulage Association (RHA).



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